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THE RAILROAD FRANCHISES.

THE REASONABLE attitude taken by the Oregon Short Line and the Rio Grande railroads in the matter of the depot and track franchises they are asking from the council makes it practically certain that both franchises will be granted. The council's committee on streets and municipal laws passed favorably on the Short Line's petition some time ago. Six of the eight members of the committee agreed Friday night to a favorable report on the Rio Grande application.

The Rio Grande petition had been held up because of vigorous and not entirely unreasonable objections made by the property owners most directly interested in the matter. Although objections are still made to the granting of the Rio Grande franchise, the greater part of them have been overcome by concessions made by the company. These concessions are certainly fair and reasonable, and if they are carried out to the letter it will be impossible for any one to be injured.

The road binds itself to erect a viaduct on Third South street and to accept a board of arbitration which will assess damages sustained by property owners, and to pay the amounts so assessed without legal proceedings. The board is to have one representative of the company on it, one representative of the property owners, and a third party agreed on by the first two. The board will look carefully over the property and hear arguments before arriving at decisions. In this way the interests of all parties will be taken care of.

Under these conditions the council need not hesitate about granting the Rio Grande's application. The improvements proposed by the road, as well as those proposed by the Oregon Short Line, will be of immense benefit to Salt Lake City. They involve the expenditure of not far from two million dollars, all of which will be turned directly into Salt Lake's trade channels. And the pay of the hundreds of men who will be employed in the new Short Line and Rio Grande shops will always be a considerable item in the city's advancement and its prosperity.

THE SENSE OF HUMOR.

IT PAINS THE HERALD to be obliged to accuse anybody of a lack of the saving sense of humor, but that seems to be a failing among some of Salt Lake's street car conductors and motormen. Two of them paid us a call yesterday. The spokesman had fire in his eyes and spoke with every indication of peevishness. He didn't like the set of humorous rules for street railway employees published in The Herald's "Sparks" on Friday. This is really too bad.

A wise old philosopher once said that it is never safe to joke about truth. Of course there are no rules such as The Herald published; that is, there are no such written rules. But just a few of the suggestions are carried out literally every day by one or more of the street car men and that is doubtless the reason the young man who called was so indignant. We are sorry he is peevish, but we insist that if he had possessed the saving sense of humor his serenity would not have been ruffled.

While there is a great disposition on the part of the public to criticize sharply the street railway company and its employees The Herald has never joined the procession. The truth is that very few cities of the size of Salt Lake have a system anything like as good as ours. The men, as a rule, are courteous and obliging, and the company makes constant effort to please the people. Crowds are handled here with an expedition that astonishes strangers and accidents are remarkably few.

Last summer thousands upon thousands of people were taken to and from the Salt Palace, Calder's Park, Liberty park and the naturist and Lakewood depots, and the facilities were always ample. During the summer a good sized fortune has been spent by the company in the laying of new tracks, in the purchase of new equipment and in general road betterments. Some of these improvements have, in the course of their installation, caused the traveling public more or less inconvenience, but the end of that is in sight.

Finally, we beg leave to say to our offended friends among the street railway men that it is often well just to look pleasant when things happen that they do not like. It helps things along a good deal to smile, and the first thing you know you'll fall into the habit of smiling.

SOME WONDERFUL GUNNERY.

THE MOST REMARKABLE BIT of gunnery ever accomplished by an American gunner—and that means the most remarkable the world has ever known—received brief mention in the dispatches the other day. The description was not in sufficient detail, however, to give an idea of just what a difficult performance it was and of how much credit it reflects on the American navy.

While the Indiana was steaming at a rate of eight knots an hour Gunner they follow him through the clouds from an eight-inch gun through the bull's-eye of a target 1,600 yards away.

Sixteen hundred yards is more than four-fifths of a mile. The target was a frame of white set upright on a buoy and presenting a surface 16x21 feet square with a black bull's-eye four feet in diameter. At 1,600 yards the bull's-eye appears to be not more than four inches in diameter.

Gunner Treanor hit the bull's-eye four times in succession in two minutes and eighteen seconds. If he had been firing at a hostile warship it would surely have been sunk almost before it could fire a shot in return. The eight-inch gun used by Treanor throws a shell weighing about 250 pounds and uses fifty pounds of powder. The rapidity with which the great weapon was handled is as remarkable as the accuracy of the shooting.

In this day of constantly increasing range for weapons of warfare a distance of 1,600 yards does not seem so great. It must be remembered, though, that the Krag-Jorgensen rifle, with which the regular army is now equipped, does not have an effective range of more than 1,000 yards, and they are the most powerful weapons ever given to the nation's soldiers. It is well, also, to bear in mind that rifle scores are made under the most favorable circumstances.

Important tests are usually made on perfectly still days. The rifle shot has every opportunity to steady himself and his weapon. He is given solid rests, he stands absolutely motionless, and his target is also motionless. There is no loud report; no recoil to disconcert him, so it is not surprising that he often makes good scores. The feat performed by Treanor, though, was under far greater difficulties. A bobbing target and a moving ship are not considered aids to good marksmanship.

We are told that there are other gunners in the navy as good as Treanor, and in view of the manner in which the Spanish ships were battered into junk wherever the occasion offered in 1898 it is easy to believe the report.

GUNLESS WARSHIPS.

A SIGNIFICANT FACT is brought out in a recent dispatch from Washington to the Philadelphia North American. "It was disclosed today," says the message, "that the government is building warships which, under the present system of manufacturing guns, cannot be supplied with the necessary weapons until from one to eight years after they are completed." The statement was contained in a report submitted to Secretary Moody by a board of navy officers appointed to inquire into the capacity of the Washington navy yard gun shop.

There is food for thought in this for those who have been so strongly advocating a greater navy. The Herald believes in a great navy, it believes the United States should have squadrons and fleets of fighting ships as great or greater than those of any other nation, but we fail to see how gunless warships can give us any possible advantage. The last thing we need is a fighting ship that cannot do any fighting. The prestige of the American navy was not built up after that fashion.

The report from which we have quoted proposes that congress be asked at the coming session to appropriate nearly \$3,500,000 for the enlargement of our gun shops. If prompt action is taken it is said that the additional equipment for turning out guns can be supplied during 1906 by the extra guns can be had by 1906. However, in order to bring this about, the greatest possible speed must be made. As the word "speed" is hardly known on government work, it would be safe to say that not before 1910 would the first guns begin coming from the new shops.

If the rosiest dreams of the navy officers come true it will be a year after the completion of some of the ships before they can be furnished with guns. In case the usual delays are experienced it will be from two to five years after the ships are finished before they will have weapons of offense and defense. Under the circumstances wouldn't it be a good idea to stop building new warships until we know they will be warships in fact as well as in name?

Student Life, published under the auspices of the Agricultural college at Logan, a magazine of thirty-two pages, will appear monthly during the college year in an attractive form which will eclipse all previous efforts. Every department will be of the highest standard of excellence and special features will be introduced from month to month treating of the home and its surroundings, together with suggestions on the artistic side. A series of short stories will also appear from time to time, contributed by the students, while technical articles will appear each month from the pens of members of the faculty and students. A series of articles, written by Utah men, will appear each month telling of the big colleges in the east and what they stand for. The magazine promises to be worthy the support of every student and friend of the college.

The army officer for whom a Filipino woman, who claims to be his wife, began making trouble as soon as she learned of his engagement to a young woman in Kansas, would probably revise the old saying to "Absence makes the bonds grow stronger."

Of course there is no connection in the announcement that the cordage trust has raised the price of rope and the announcement that a contemporary is going to give away cigars with want ads. It is merely a coincidence, that's all.

Great Salt Lake has reached the lowest level on record. However, it can go several inches lower and still leave enough brine to pickle all the cucumbers that can be raised in the United States in ten seasons.

Now Major Delmar has equaled the trotting record established only a few weeks ago by Lou Dillon. The little mare will have to try some more smashing, and may she be eminently successful.

The structural iron workers seem determined to follow Sam Parks. If they follow him long enough they are liable to have some barred doors and windows shut behind them.

SPARKS.

It begins to look as if somebody would have to come forward with a sworn statement to convince people that there is a city campaign due to open up next month.

It must pain the grizzled veteran of twenty seasons on the diamond to see some raw kid with a big shock of hair and a fondness for broken bones getting more space in the papers than the baseball heroes, but 'tis a seasonal condition, nevertheless.

A man we once knew changed back to his light summer clothing during a warm spell one fall and his widow collected the insurance with but slight difficulty.

One thing that helps to offset the shock of buying a new winter overcoat is that the winter dress comes with a soda water fountain cost less, as a rule, than the fancy summer concoctions.

And, no doubt, if the matter were laid before the chairman, axmen, etc., with the surveying parties on the reservation many of them would be surprised to learn that they were men of wealth.

The manager of a play called "Marked for Life" took a few shots at members of his company, some of the bullets landing, thus enabling the cast to look their parts.

If all the diplomatic "notes" that have been drawn out by the Macedonian trouble could be collected and bound the book would likely fill a freight car. And the book and contents were destroyed the loss would be about the value of one freight car.

It is all right for Express Messenger Kornat, Engineer Bartlett was hit by a stray bullet, but nobody supposed the express messenger deliberately fired at his fellow workman.

One lottery that has not yet been suppressed by the authorities is the marriage game.

No doubt people who, through a street car strike, are obliged to walk three or four miles home believe there should be some system of adjusting labor troubles without making the general public suffer.

Judge Shiras of the United States court appeals calls the Chicago board of trade a gambling institution, and holds that it, therefore, cannot come into court and call a bucketshop names.

It would not be fair to trace a relation between the prevailing prices for feminine apparel and the epidemic of shoplifting.

The good people of Lander, Wyo., believe in equalizing things, so following the execution of a murderer there on Friday they stoned the man to remove the depression the hanging caused.

There was a time when if a member of the Hungarian diet had said the king uttered untruths there would be something doing in the immediate neighborhood of the monarch's throne. There have been changes, whether for better or worse is problematical.

Hawaii is to have a bond issue and the people there are being induced out that being part of the United States does not mean that all your troubles are over after all.

If the Oregon constable who arrested the man wanted for murder had known who his prisoner was it is likely he would have told the man to just help himself and decamp in peace.

Double Reason For Anger.

Louis is 4 years old and figures out a good many things for himself. A lady from Manila had been visiting at Louis' home for a time and had frequently assured Louis that she would take him home with her when she left. Just before her departure, however, she arranged with Louis to postpone his trip to the islands with her and, in consideration of his consent, gave him a dollar. Louis' mother accompanied the guest to the train. Mamma was gone longer than Louis thought was right and he took up the matter with his grandfather. "Granddaddy," said Louis, "what do you suppose is keeping my mamma so long?" "Oh, I don't know, Louis," replied granddaddy. "I guess she will be back pretty soon." Louis waited for a few minutes longer and again sought granddaddy's opinion as to the probable duration of mamma's absence. "I don't know, Louis," said granddaddy. "I wouldn't be surprised if mamma went to Manila herself." "Wouldn't you," said Louis, reflectively. He was silent for a few minutes again and remained in deep thought. At length he said: "I don't believe my mamma has gone to Manila. If she's gone to Manila she'll get me pretty damned. And she's got my dollar, too." That was enough for Louis and he was promptly squelched.

Lies of Neighboring States.

FALSEHOOD THE EIGHTH. The railroad maps show Cheyenne to be a city in the southeastern corner of the commonwealth of Wyoming. Cheyenne is a rather lively town in these days, but years ago it was even more lively. At the period during which the following episode took place several residents of Cheyenne were occasionally to be seen under the influence of liquor. Two such—whom we shall call Jack and Harry, because both are still alive and in good health—had been on a social tour that had continued for more than a week. They went to bed together one night and while they slept a circus came to Cheyenne, unknown to them. The noise of the parade awakened them the next forenoon. Harry came to first and glanced out of the window. An elephant, led by a grotesquely garbed Hindu, passed slowly across the field of view and vanished. "Jack! Jack! Wake up!" Harry wildly shouted. "Look out of the window! Oh, Lord! Do you see anything, Jack?" "I see a camel!" shrieked Jack. "There's another one! Oh, Harry! Harry! We've got 'em! We've got 'em! I told you to quit with me three days ago. Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord! Let's find a doctor!" Clutching each other in wild alarm both rushed half-clad into the street and burned the pavement to a doctor's office. More animals, including camels, and more strange men not indigenous to Cheyenne, were passing in stately review along the street, and the mad pace of the two Cheyennes was accelerated. Frantically they tore into the first doctor's office they could find and asked the doctor if he could see the terrible animals. He could see them, and so stated. It took large quantities of sedatives to calm the frightened men, and they solemnly swore off—for ten days, the limit in Cheyenne.

Shop Talks on Advertising.

Mr. Merchant, you want results in your advertising, don't you? That's what you pay your money for. If you have not been getting them it's because you haven't used the right kind of advertising. THE HERALD HAS THE LARGEST DAILY CIRCULATION OF ANY PAPER IN SALT LAKE CITY.

HUMOR OF THE STATE PRESS.

Strenuous Ladies.

(Wasatch Wave.) One day last week two ladies of this county got into an altercation over their boys. The quarrel began with a mild flow of words, which rapidly increased to a rushing torrent of high grade king's English and ended up with spasmodic explosives accompanied by graceful moustache, the fingers and the nails. It was an inspiring sight to the spectators.

Great Excitement in Gunnison.

(Gunnison Gazette.) And now we are apprised that nuptials are contemplated within the next two weeks by a well known young couple of Gunnison.

Latest News of the McKinnons.

(Rich County News.) M. McKinnon left for Logan Monday afternoon on pleasure and business bent. M. McKinnon came back from Logan on Tuesday and reports having an enjoyable outing.

Sister Mary McKinnon left for Logan this week, where she expects to remain until Christmas and study music. E. Evans, A. McKinnon, Jr., and E. M. Tyson left for Ogden the first part of the week to attend the National Irrigation congress.

David Jackson, his son Victor, Miss Sarah McKinnon and Richard Jackson left for Logan the latter part of last week. Miss McKinnon and Victor expect to attend school there the coming winter. The town is quite deserted this week, so many having come to Cache valley for fruit. Those whom we noted are G. F. Pearce, B. R. Brough, William F. Brough, W. R. Rex, R. S. McKinnon, Henry Hoffman, David Norris and Bishop J. C. Gray.

Treasurer McKinnon has been sending out the tax notices this week so it will soon be time for you to hustle some cash and pay up.

Joe is out of Places.

(Springville Independent.) Joe Bigley returned from Cortez, Colo., where he had been for three weeks visiting with his mother. While there he used up all his plates making pictures and feels well again for his jaunt, socially and financially.

Editor Buys a Horse.

(Logan Journal.) Hay wanted on subscription at this office.

Wrong Players Came.

(Lehi Banner.) The ball game was a fake on Tuesday because Payson didn't send his ball players, but his instrument players.

Baby Loses Its Grip.

(Provo Enquirer.) Last—One small grip containing baby's clothing, in Provo canyon.

Better Late Than Never.

(Mountain Mirror.) The Mirror was published on Monday this week instead of Friday of last week.

Boost or Knock?

(Emery County Progress.) The Progress is indebted to Tree Inspector Leonard for some very fine plums and apples. What Mr. Leonard knows about raising good fruit would fill a whole book, and what he doesn't know would perhaps fill two books.

Late Quotations On Ladies.

(Emery County Progress.) The young ladies gave a fine dance on Friday evening. The ladies furnishing food and the young men buying a lady for his partner. The ladies had a cent apiece, with the lunch thrown in.

Ready For Business.

(Mt. Pleasant Pyramid.) The Pyramid has nothing definite in relation to municipal politics to give to

its readers as yet. This much is known, that candidates are in full swing, and this paper would take pleasure in announcing their candidacy at 10 cents per line, not less than ten lines to the man.

Seeking an Out.

(Iron County Record.) Miss Ada Wood started to Salt Lake yesterday for an out.

A Very Bad Taste.

(Ephraim Enterprise.) It is rather a bad taste for a young man to ask a young lady to accompany him to a theatrical performance and then sit winking at the girls on the stage.

Too Cold For Trysts.

(Emery County Progress.) The heavy frosts have put an end to the honey business for this season.

Grandpa Has Fell.

(Emery County Progress.) Grandpa F. W. Young received word Wednesday that he had fell back to a new grandson, born to Mrs. John Oliphant at Provo the early part of the week.

Crafts Sighted at Fillmore.

(Fillmore Progress-Review.) Ed Crafts of Craftsman was seen on our streets last Saturday.

Brotherly Love In Eureka.

(Eureka Reporter.) When Mayor Gear was asked to appoint a delegate to the irrigation congress at Ogden he readily recognized the ability of Editor Sullivan, who has been closely associated with various "irrigating" enterprises for a great many years past.

"Little Miner": The Reporter seems jealous over the appointment of the editor of the Miner as a delegate to the irrigation congress. The Reporter man should not despise Will, just a little more practice he will be eligible to preside at a convention of tinhorns.

Carry the News to Teddy.

(Spanish Fork Press.) Sunday last a fourteen-pound boy was born to Mrs. Joseph Brockbank.

Last Saturday a new girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hughes. The new girl was a new boy named the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Swenson.

Sunday morning last a baby girl was born to Mrs. E. E. Johnson.

Cold Snap at Ephraim.

(Ephraim Enterprise.) Wood taken on subscription at this office.

Sons of Rest at Nephi.

(Nephi Record.) All the members of the loafers' club are putting in full time. We have a well organized club in this town and the by-laws are adopted from the Bible with slight variations to suit the convenience of the members. One of the by-laws reads: "Thou shalt do no manner of work on the Sabbath, or any other day."

From Different Points of View.

(Life.) "Honesty," said the good woman, "is the best policy."

"Beg pardon, my friend," put in the man of the world, "honesty is the short cut to poverty."

"One moment, gentlemen," said the maiden, who had passed her thirteenth; "honesty is the headman of courtship."

"I beg to differ," said the cynic. "In your case honesty would be the salvation of a possible suicide."

"Honesty," declared the politician, "is the sum total of nothing divided by two and split in the middle."

"I maintain," said the debutants, "that honesty is a bore and the antithesis of flattery."

"Honesty," said the grocer, "is too much sugar for the price of sand."

And they agreed to compromise on the conclusion that:

"Honesty is a relative term, much abused and damned by circumstances."

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